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OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE BALTIMORE RETIRED POLICE BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION

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PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

As I sit here and try to compose my first message to you as the new President of the BRPBA, I am reminded of all the years I sat writing reports as an officer for the Baltimore City Police Department. If I may, I'd like to share a short story that still makes me laugh.

I arrested a guy whose last name was Mister. The desk Sergeant at the time was a very formal and by-the-book guy. When we approached his desk, the Sergeant asked the man for his last name: "What's your name mister?" For which the guy answered, "Mister." The Sergeant repeated the question a few more times getting more and more agitated with the guy. At this point, it was all I could do to contain my laughter. After about five minutes of those two going back and forth, I had to finally put a stop to it by speaking up, "If I may, Sergeant, the man's last name is Mister." The only thing the Sergeant could do at this point is say "Oh." I think I cracked up the whole time I wrote the report.

So I begin my new Presidency composing my first President's Message with remembered laughter from so many of these types of stories and, hopefully, can share more with you in the future. Mixed with all the horror stories of our years with the Police force, we always tried to find some laughter to break the tensions. Many of you probably have some good stories you would like to share, and we would welcome hearing about them.

However, levity aside, I want to let all of you know that I am honored to be chosen by the members to lead this prestigious organization.

As my first order of business, I would like to take a moment to talk about Nick Caprinolo. For the last six years he has dedicated his life to the BRPBA in the capacity of President. Nick gave it his all; from taking your calls with requests and concerns, to attending

numerous meetings regarding our Pension lawsuit, to overseeing some very happy moments within the organization, to mitigating some very tenuous moments, and so much more. The devotion of his time to benefit this organization cannot be taken lightly and I am sure I speak for us all when I thank him for all of his hard work.

That being said, I look forward to working closely with Nick as I take over the reins and "learn the ropes." Nick has graciously volunteered to assist me for some time in regards to the Pension Lawsuit until I am fully cognizant of the numerous goings on. Nick has had several years of involvement with the lawsuit and no one knows more about the proceedings than him. Again, I look forward to working with him for the betterment of the BRPBA.

We would like to welcome two new members to our Board. Congratulations to Kathy Conrad for being elected as our new Secretary. Kathy is a very intelligent and well-liked addition to our organization and we on the Board look forward to working with her. As past Secretary, I will, of course, guide her as she also learns the ropes of the new position.

Congratulations also to George Michael who replaced Paul Blair in the position of Trustee. George will bring a lot of experience to the BRPBA Board. In the past, he volunteered many hours to the FOP in every capacity from slicing meat at various events to being a Board of Director for the Police Emerald Society, to being a member of many FOP committees.

Both of these new Board members will bring very valuable experience and we are honored to have them on board. This will be a very busy next few months as we all acclimate to a new leadership, but I am confident we will all do just fine.

2016 has seen some hard times within the BRPBA.

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We have lost too many long-time members and as the year closes, we honor their passing and thank them for being a part of this great organization. Many of them were our friends and their loss was felt deeply.

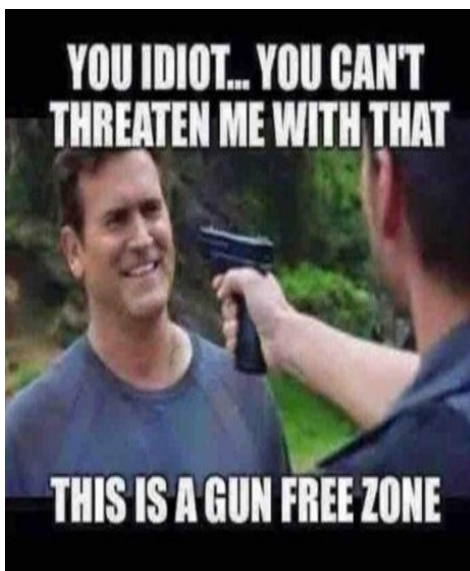
We have also had the pleasure of welcoming many new members and we thank them for helping the BRPBA continue to grow. We are over 2,000 member and widows strong and our voices, collectively, can and will be heard as we continue to fight for our benefits.

I have many ideas for the future of the BRPBA, which I will be speaking with the Board about, however, in the immediate future I would like to concentrate on:

- Increasing our membership.
- Working hard to make sure we do not lose any more ground regarding our health benefits.
- Finish the re-writing of our By-Laws. We will get this done quickly and have them mailed to each and every one of you as soon as they are printed.

Wishing you all a Merry Christmas, Happy Chanukah, Happy Kwanza and the safest of New Year's. This upcoming year should be exciting for all.

Daryl Buhrman

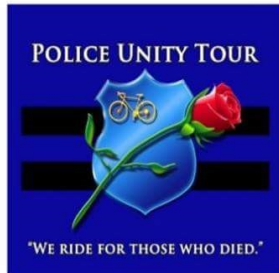


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BPD

Police Unity Tour Bull & Oyster Roast

WHEN: SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2017
7:00PM-11:00PM

WHERE: TALL CEDARS HALL
2501 PUTTY HILL AVENUE@OLD HARFORD RD

MENU

On the Pit:

Choice Beef, Turkey Breasts & Country Smoked Ham

OYSTERS ON A HALF SHELL

Bread, Rolls & Condiments

Homemade Maryland Crab Soup

Old Bay Wings with Bleu Cheese & Celery Sticks

Sausage with Peppers & Onions

Sauerkraut & Kielbasa

Macaroni & Cheese

Mashed Potatoes & Gravy

String Beans

Taco Salad, Spaghetti Salad

Fresh Fruit, Assorted Cheeses & Crackers

Fresh Seasonal Vegetables with Dips

Coffee

Cake-Last Hour of Food

Coors Light & Budweiser Can Beer Sodas,

TICKETS ARE \$50 EACH OR \$500 PER TABLE.

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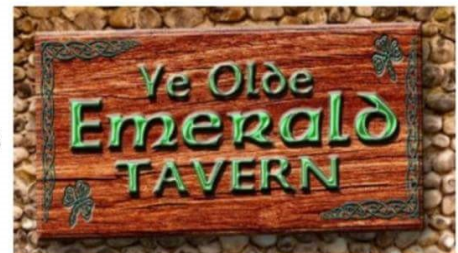
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**Please join us afterwards at the
Ye Olde Emerald Tavern for drinks specials!!!**



DEATH OF A LEGENDARY LEADER

Fifteen years to the day after extremists destroyed the Twin Towers and the Pentagon, murdering thousands, our leader, Maj. John Carroll Lewandowski left us to go after them. For once, he didn't succeed because he wasn't about to find them in Heaven, where God already had a place for him.

Like his namesake, Archbishop John Carroll, who built the Baltimore Basilica and founded Georgetown University, our John exuded extraordinary and visionary leadership. The epitome of a true commander, while he overcame severe stroke-induced physical limitations, John succeeded, and exceeded expectations, in everything he did. What's more, he inspired everyone around him to emulate his accomplishments, to mirror his achievements, to do their very best, individually and as a team.

Over 34 years, John exhibited intelligence, professionalism, enthusiasm, creativity, determination and compassion for the Baltimore Police Department, for the professionals he led and for Baltimore's citizens. He bettered everyone fortunate enough to have rubbed shoulders with him. No one ever wanted to disappoint him. Throughout a variety of assignments, he displayed exceptional insight and courage.

Years ago, he suffered a severe stroke, one that would have rendered most people an invalid. That did not happen to John. He became more determined. He redoubled his efforts. Previously right-handed, he learned how to do everything with his left. He commanded the Northeastern District, continuing to stay, as he always had, several steps ahead of a burgeoning criminal element in a rapidly changing area. He refused to succumb to the myth that the police could not control crime. He simply would not allow himself, much less the police for whom he was responsible, and whom he loved so much, to surrender to defeatism. He prevailed; they prevailed; the citizens of the Northeastern District prevailed – except for the criminals.

Almost a quarter-century ago, John left the Northeast, on which he had left such an indelible mark, as he had already done at Central, CID and Tactical, and moved on to the Property Section. As usual, once he got there, he made everyone around him better. Finally, however, he decided to retire – on his terms.

John could not stay away from helping people. He started a second career in corrections. He continued to set high standards and to insist upon perfection. After he improved everything there, he retired again.

He still wasn't finished, though. He still loved police. When retirees' pensions became imperiled, John, as our President, refused to acquiesce, to give into despair. Despite the physical limitations that were taking an increasing toll on him, slowly robbing him of his extraordinary stamina, John led the effort to preserve the benefits for which the members of the BRPBA had worked so hard for so long. He participated in countless meetings. He testified. He lobbied. He coordinated the efforts of our Association. He did all he could do present a unified front encompassing the FOP, the Firefighters' Union and the BRPBA. He assiduously studied and mastered the legal and actuarial complexities accompanying the dispute. He took care of all of us while he continued to take care of his family: his beloved wife, Rose, his five daughters, his sons-in-law and his cherished grandchildren.

On June 17, 2015, our Association paid him tribute. With his proud family in attendance, we finally got the chance to tell him that we loved him as much as he loved us.

John did not leave us after that. Although suffering gravely from excruciating pain from more debilitating strokes, he continued to come to both our board and our general meetings. Physically limited, and severely compromised, his spirit remained indomitable. He continued to offer insights that helped us and helped our cause.

When the Lord finally told him it was time to emigrate to County Heaven, John physically left us, but his spirit endures. None of us, not one, would be as good were it not for John's influence. We get to keep that. So does his family. In fact, nowhere was John's spirit more evident than at his funeral. We said goodbye to the man.

We will never say goodbye to that for which he stood.

Michael P. May

LOOK FOR SOMETHING POSITIVE IN EACH DAY, EVEN IF SOME DAYS YOU HAVE TO LOOK A LITTLE HARDER.

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ONE MORE IRS SCAM TO TALK ABOUT!

It seems like I could talk about IRS scams in every Newsletter I write! I have already talked about the telephone scams in which a person or a recording leaves you a message telling you that IRS is about to sue you. Now, there is a new scam in which individuals are getting e-mails saying that you owe taxes under the Affordable Care Act. (The law does say that if you don't have sufficient health insurance for yourself and you dependents, you have to pay a penalty.) Usually, there is a fraudulent IRS Notice CP2000 attached to the fraudulent e-mail.

If you get such an e-mail, rest assured that it is a scam. Do not open any attachments! Simply delete the e-mail.

Remember, if IRS has a question or a problem with your tax return, **they will send you a letter**. If you get a phone call or an e-mail from someone saying that they are from IRS, you should not respond to it. Just delete it. If you get such a phone call or e-mail and are worried about it, call me before you do anything else.

SOME TAX RETURN DUE DATES WILL CHANGE NEXT YEAR

For **partnership returns**, the due date will be March 15th. (The due date in prior years was April 15th.) Taxpayers that rely on a Schedule K-1 to file their individual taxes should gain an extra month of breathing space between the due dates.)

March 2017						
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For **corporations** other than sub-chapter S corporations, the due date for 2016 and later will be April 15th for calendar year taxpayers, or the fifteenth day of the fourth month following the end of the corporation's tax year for taxpayers on a fiscal or final year.

April 2017						
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The due date for calendar year **trusts and estates** (Form 1041 and their associated Schedules K-1) remains April 15th.

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CAPITALIZATION POLICY - 2016

Several years ago, for small businesses (those with no audited financial statements or SEC filings), IRS ruled that businesses could expense any asset purchase that cost less than \$500 per item, but had to capitalize and depreciate any asset purchase costing more than \$500 per item. (Prior to that ruling, all assets had to be capitalized, regardless of cost.) Effective for 2016 and later, IRS upped the \$500 threshold to \$2,500. That means that small business can now expense the cost of any item costing up to \$2,500. This gives businesses a better, immediate tax break, and eliminates the need to track and depreciate those items over several years.

However, there are some procedural rules that the business must follow.

First, the business must have a capitalization policy in place declaring the business's expensing standard to be \$2,500.

Second, the treatment of these expenditures must be consistent for all such expenditures on its tax return.

Third, the business must keep a set of financial books.

Fourth, the business must annually attach a statement to its tax return indicating that the business elects this \$2,500 capitalization policy. (Note: I have automatically included such a statement electing the previous \$500 threshold with the tax returns that I prepared for my business clients. I now will change the amount to \$2,500 for future business tax returns.)

UPDATE YOUR BENEFICIARIES

If you have not done so in a while, you should review your designated beneficiaries. Marriage, death, divorce, and new children are some of the reasons that your current beneficiary designations could be out of date. Remember to review your 401(k) or 403(b) plans, pension plans, IRA accounts, and insurance policies.

MEDICAL EXPENSE DEDUCTION FOR SENIORS

Taxpayers who incur high medical expenses (including insurance, prescriptions, doctor and hospital bills, and long term care insurance) can deduct that portion of their total medical costs that exceed 10.0% of their Adjusted Gross Income (AGI). So if their AGI is \$50,000, then all medical expenses exceeding \$5,000 ($\$50,000 \times 10\%$) can be included as an itemized deduction. An exception to this 10.0% threshold has been granted to taxpayers who are 65 or older. (For married taxpayers, only one spouse has to be 65.) This exception says that the percent is 7.5% through the end of 2016. So if their AGI is \$50,000, the dollar threshold is \$3,750 ($\$50,000 \times 7.5\%$).

Seniors who plan to itemized deductions and are close to the 7.5% amount should consider paying medical expenses this year (in 2016) instead of waiting to 2017. For example, if you will need a prescription refilled in early January, or if you need a new pair of glasses, or if you have a doctor appointment scheduled for early January, you should consider moving those events to December, if you can.

This quarterly newsletter provides business, financial planning, and tax information to clients and friends. None of this general information should be acted upon without first determining its application to your specific situation.

For additional copies of this newsletter or further details on any article, please contact me.

SENIOR CORNER

SENIORS RESOURCE GUIDE

The Seniors E-Guide “Questions to Ask” Series is a web based resource focused on learning about the variety of senior resources and services that are available.

<http://www.seniorsresourceguide.com/directories/National/EguideQA/index.html>

HUD.gov

Looking for housing options for yourself, an aging parent, relative, or friend? Do some research first to determine what kind of assistance or living arrangement you need; what your health insurance might cover; and what you can afford. Then check here for financial assistance resources and guides for making the right choice. Talk to a HUD-approved housing counselor if you have questions about your situation.

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NEW RETIREES: DON'T MAKE THESE MISTAKES

It can be difficult to know when you are truly ready to retire. Even if you are relatively certain you have enough savings to last the rest of your life, there is still plenty that could go wrong. Here are some potential mistakes to avoid as you transition into retirement:

Moving to a place where you don't know anyone.

Once you're no longer tied to a job, it's tempting to move to a location with better weather or more fun things to do. In some cases, you can even significantly reduce your retirement expenses by moving to a place with more affordable housing and a lower cost of living. But moving away from your friends and family and your support system of associates, including everything from a great dentist to a car mechanic you can trust, can be detrimental to your retirement. It's difficult to start from scratch and can take years to build a network of people who can help when you need it.

Quitting before you are vested in your retirement plan. You may not get to keep all of your employer's 401(k) contributions, stock options, or qualify for traditional pension payouts until you are fully vested in the retirement plan. Before you turn in your letter of resignation, look up the exact date you will become fully vested in the plan. If it's a matter of weeks or months, sticking around until you qualify for more lucrative retirement benefits could significantly improve your retirement finances. "If you are close to an anniversary date or if you have any stock options that are about to vest, you don't want to leave right before you are about to vest and lose out on money," says Laura Barnett Lion, a certified financial planner and president of Barnett Financial in Austin, Texas.

Retiring before you set up health insurance. Medicare coverage begins at age 65. If you want to

retire before then, you'll need to find alternative health insurance coverage. Some employers offer retiree health insurance plans to former employees. If your company had at least 20 employees, you can also buy back into your former employer's group health insurance plan using COBRA continuation coverage, typically for up to 18 months. Other health insurance options for early retirees include joining a spouse's health plan, purchasing individual insurance, and seeing if you qualify for state insurance pools. Some organizations you belong to or part-time jobs may also provide health insurance. "If you are younger than 65 and you are retiring from a company plan, you want to pay special attention if you have any health issues," says Christopher Rhim, a certified financial planner for Green View Advisors in Washington, D.C. and Norwich, Vt. "Know what your benefits are and compare this to any new plan under consideration." Beginning in 2014, young retirees will be able to purchase health insurance through insurance exchanges, with tax credits for those with low and moderate incomes.

Thinking your health will hold out forever. Many new retirees are healthy and energetic, but it's important to plan for a day when you may not be. Proximity to medical care becomes increasingly important as you age. You also need to think about the possibility that you might require long-term care or extra household help from caregivers or family members. It's a good idea to put your medical requests in writing, and designate someone to make medical decisions for you if you cannot.

Taking Social Security too soon. You can sign up for Social Security beginning at age 62, but that doesn't necessarily mean you should. If you elect to begin receiving payments at 62, you will receive lower monthly payments than you would if you waited until an older age. "If you are retiring before your full retirement age, which is 66 for most baby

boomers, and you are planning on taking Social Security before 66 at a discount, that can have a substantial negative impact on your retirement finances," says Terry Seaton, a certified financial planner for Seaton Financial Advisors in St. Augustine, Fla. "You can wait even after 66 up to 70, and it increases each year." Monthly Social Security payouts grow for each month you delay claiming up until age 70.

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Forgetting to take required minimum distributions. Withdrawals from 401(k)s and IRAs become required after age 70½. People who fail to withdraw the correct amount will face a 50 percent tax penalty in addition to the regular income tax due on the amount that should have been withdrawn.

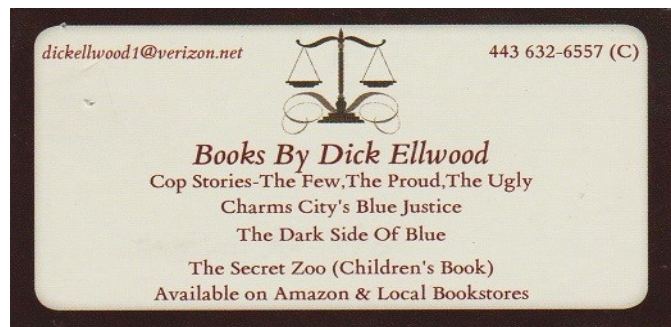
Spending too much on travel and new hobbies. Some expenses will decrease in retirement, such as commuting costs and workplace attire. But new costs may take their place or even surpass them. Travel costs can become a huge new retirement expense, and some new hobbies might also come with significant costs. Some retirees end up spending more on entertainment simply because they now have more time for it. You may find yourself dining out more to get out of the house or connect with other people. "When you have time on your hands, most people are fairly creative in finding ways to spend money. They play more golf and they go see the grandkids more often," says Seaton. "Find out how you want to spend your time in retirement, and find out what it's going to cost you."

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WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS!

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Paul Coursey
Louis Holland
Jason Huth
Emmanuel Jones, Jr.
Kathy L. Kline
Albert M. Marcus
Eric Oswald
Alan Savage
Paul Sheppard
Thomas Smith
James L. Vaughan

INCLEMENT WEATHER

Please remember, monthly meetings may be canceled due to inclement weather when:

- Baltimore City Schools are closed because of snow or inclement weather; or,
- There is a snowfall after schools are dismissed and the Baltimore City snow emergency plan is placed in operation.

SICKNESS OR DEATH OF MEMBER

Please arrange for someone to call Ditty Baldwin at 410-666-7279 whenever a member is sick. This is the only way our Association is aware of it. Remember, upon your death, your spouse or immediate family should notify the Police Personnel Board at 410-396-2546.

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RESTAURANTS THAT GIVE SENIOR DISCOUNT

REMEMBER TO ASK FOR IT... THEY WON'T AUTOMATICALLY GIVE IT TO YOU!

Applebee's gives a 10% discount (reduced from 15%) to seniors age 60 and over who have the Applebee's Golden Apple Card.

Arby's gives 10% off for ages 55+.

Back Yard Burgers has a 10% senior discount for your order at participating locations, reasonably certain the age is 55 and over..

Burger King has a 10% discount for ages 60+, and additional discounts on coffee and soft drinks. (As of Oct. 2015, though, Burger King may be like Denny's, i.e., some stores give discounts and some don't. Thank you, Roger and D Brandt.)

Chili's is 10% off for ages 55+.

Denny's gives 10% off for age 55+. They will make it 20% off if you are an AARP member. As of 2014, each franchise owner was making his/her own decisions regarding this, so your results may vary.

Dunkin' Donuts does 10% off for ages 55+. Or a free donut (doughnut) when buying coffee.

IHOP is 10% off for ages 55+.

Jack in the Box has a 20% beverage discount for seniors age 55 and over. Though again, as of August 2013, the Jack-in-the-box discount may not be a sure thing.

KFC will give you a free small drink with a meal if you are 55+, although again, it's reported some KFC's will and some won't.

Long John Silver's has various discounts for 55+. Depends on location, so your results may vary.

McDonald's has discounts on coffee and soft drinks for the 55+ crowd.

Outback Steakhouse has a 15% senior discount, age demarcation unknown.

Roy Rogers Restaurants gives a 10% discount for seniors, age demarcation unknown.

Sonic gives a choice of free beverage or 10% off for folks 60 and older.

Subway is 10% off for ages 60+; though at least occasionally, a store owner will deny the discount, either because they are uninformed or because of individual franchise policy.

Taco Bell is 10% off, apparently up from the former 5%; plus free beverages. Age requirement is 65 and over. Discount may be franchisee specific.

Wendy's is 10% off for ages 55+, though at least one Wendy's in Topeka, Kansas gave a free drink in place of the 10% discount. Not known if this is the new policy or a franchisee-specific incident.

The trouble with retirement is that you never get a day off." *Abe Lemons*

Good Friday Shooting April 16, 1976

Officer Jimmy Halcomb was 31. He was the father of two young girls; his wife was pregnant with a third. He was a patrolman in the Western District called to a report of shots fired on a very warm Good Friday, April 16, 1976, at less than a minute before 7 p.m.

John Earl Williams, who police said had broken up with his girlfriend recently and wanted to impress her by killing police officers, was armed with ammunition he had stolen during his brief service in the National Guard.

The teenaged sniper stood in the third floor of his rowhome at Carey and Lombard streets and opened fire with a high-powered rifle loaded with armor-piercing bullets. Officer Halcomb took cover behind a parked car.

One bullet ripped through the vehicle and caught Halcomb in the neck. The gunman kept firing, wounding five other officers and a civilian.

"Lombard and Carey has been on our minds for 40 years," said retired police Lt. Joseph Key. "It was the single most significant incident in the Baltimore City Police Department from the standpoint of what grew out of it."

"If you want to know what chaos was like, it was Lombard and Carey," he said. "Everything that can go wrong went wrong that night."

Retired detective Stephen Tabeling recounted that police fired 429 shots that night. The sniper got off 19 rounds.

"We didn't know how many people were in the building," said Tabeling. "We weren't prepared ... When I got there it was total chaos."

At one point, police officers shot out street lights so the sniper could not identify his targets and to give police the ability to get the wounded to a hospital.

By the end of the evening six police officers, in total had been injured, including James Brennan, Art Kennel, Neal Splain, Calvin Mencken and Roland Miller, had also been hurt.

Williams surrendered after 47 minutes. He was convicted of first-degree murder and other violations and sentenced to life in prison plus 60 years.

On the 20th of December, 2016 at 09:30 hrs., The Honorable Judge Mays will hold a hearing in Room 228 of Courthouse East, (The Old Post Office), for John Earl Williams to consider him for parole. Jimmy Halcomb's widow, Angie Halcomb and the BRPBA, are asking for your help to keep John Williams behind bars for the remainder of his sentence.

In addition, the Assistant State's Attorney Traci L. Robinson asked that anyone wishing to attend this hearing and to support Angie Halcomb, please be there before 09:30 hrs.

Williams received 90 years for the killing of Officer Halcomb and wounding of the six other Officers. Let us keep Williams in jail where he belongs.

Please support Angie at this hearing by being there. Patrick Youells

(Information for this article was gathered from an article by Jacques Kelly, Baltimore Sun 4/16/16)



DISTRESS FUND NEWS

2016 RAFFLE

The Baltimore Retired Police Benevolent Associations' yearly Raffle is *your* raffle. Just as the BRPBA is *your* organization, entirely funded by *your* dues and donations. The BRPBA is the only organization set up solely for the benefit of Baltimore City retired officers and widows. One of the benefits the BRPBA continues to maintain is the BRPBA Distress Fund to aid those members and widows in times of need.

Therefore, your yearly raffle will be sent to you in September in the hope that you will help us continue to aid your fellow officers and their families when the burden is too much for them to bear. Most of us have been there. We all understand what they are going through. If you are currently experiencing a distressful situation, we urge you to contact Daryl Buhrman at the number listed below and apply for help.

This years' raffle offers twenty-five (25) chances to win. Winning tickets will be drawn at our holiday get-together in December.

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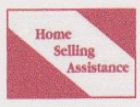
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